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This was the 44<sup>th</sup> IEEE ICASSP. 3510 submissions (+600/2018) / 1725 Accepted (50%).

In Google Scholar: 1st on Signal Processing (H-Index 79, even if proceedings available to IEEE members only) compared with Interspeech 2<sup>nd</sup> (56), ACL: 1st on Computational Linguistics (87), EMNLP (79, same as ICASSP), NAACL (56, same as Interspeech), LREC (37, but low tide (only 2 conferences considered for LREC (2014 and 2016), 3 for NAACL (2013, 2015 and 2016) and 5 for the other ones (2013 to 2017)).

3100 attendees (+800) – largest participation ever.

The president of the conference, the chair of the IEEE SPS society and the president of IEEE spoke at the opening session. The IEEE SPS Society has 17,000 members (54% academia, 46% industry), with 12 people in the staff. The annual fee for student has been lowered to 1 \$, and the fee for tutorial is 25\$. The result of this politics is that there are 3 times more student attendees than in 2018, and +80% student membership. They created a Resource center (MOOC, Short Courses, History, Interviews), apparently without data as initially planned. This may be due to the launching of a general data center, DataPort, by IEEE. They also launched a new Gold Open Access Journal on SP, probably open to all but with a fee for authors.

The Hit parade of the best 12 reviewers was presented (those with most informative reviews).

There were 5 keynotes, including a keynote by Hermann Ney, who received the JL Flanagan 2019 award.

The Welcome reception was on Brighton Pier (with vouchers for those who registered, long queues, bad food, and it was freezing).

They organized a cocktail party, which was not announced in the program but vouchers were distributed, at 16h30 (instead of the coffee break, alcohol only), at the immediate vicinity of posters!

There were 29 booths. The space was offered and mentioned on the conference map for Diamond (20K), Platinum (12K), it was offered for Gold (6K). The sponsors were the GAFAM (Google (Platinum), Apple (Diamond), Facebook (Gold), Amazon (Gold), Microsoft (Silver)), no BATX. The exhibitors were LDC, Appen (who bought Figure8), Speech Ocean, many Chinese Data providers (same as ICASSP 2018): DataBaker, Magic Data, Datatang, ByteDance, DefineCrowd, JD.Com (same as Amazon), SoundHound (LT platform, targeting car market), Nuance, Yahoo Japan, SONY (which demonstrated a new AIBO dog)

The next ICASSP 2020 will be in Barcelona (the week before LREC)

Laurent Besacier told me that he wants to organize the SLTU/CCURL as a Tutorial on Sunday (at University), and workshop on Monday and Tuesday in parallel with LREC satellite workshops.

I rediscovered the Riddel & Finns restaurant and went there 4 times. I recommend: Oysters Rockefeller and Lobster Thermidor. ;-)